

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jessica Laux

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment and Remarks filed on 10/04/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 31-40.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

This action is in response to Applicant's Response to Election/ Restriction filed on 10/04/2005 in which the Applicant elected claims 31-40. An examination of the elected claims is incorporated below.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Lambrechts on January 30, 2006. The application has been amended as follows:

--Claims 1-30 have been cancelled.--

Paragraph 0034 of the specification is changed to:

-- **[0034]** When the top course of the vinyl siding is cut in proximity to the soffit such that the horizontally cut edge 51 is closer to the plane perpendicular to the back edge 52 of the center rib 53 of the siding than with the front edge 54 of the center rib 53, then the terminating edge 51 of the vinyl siding is most easily inserted between the inner layer 14 and the inner flange 42 as shown in FIG. 3. If, however, as shown in FIGS. 5 and 6, the cut edge 50 of the siding is closer to the plane perpendicular to the front 55 of the center rib 56 than the plane perpendicular to the back 57 of the center rib 56, then the cut edge 50 should be inserted between the outer flange 38 and the inner flange 42 as shown in FIG. 6. --

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jessica Laux whose telephone number is 571-272-

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8228. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm (est).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on 571-272-6842. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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